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The Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

Regarding: RM-8626

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Gentlepersons:

As an Amateur Extra Class operator and volunteer examiner, I oppose the petition for rule making by Fred Maia, RM-8626.

Those code practice sessions that ARRL has been putting on the air for us are invaluable to would be amateurs, especially those who have no one (who is licensed) nearby to help them.

I value my license, and I am afraid Mr Maia doesn't value his, for as an examiner I'm often asked to verify the sending of \$5.00 which Mr Maia suggests be sent to him as their license expires. I know of one lady who did send the \$5.00, and another who asked first.

This letter is coming to you late, as we have been having a state-wide exercise these last two days, and the preparations and training for new hams have taken our extra minutes! We are heavy into emergency work on the county and state level, and now I have taken on emergency preparedness for our local retirement community.

Very sincerely,

  
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cc: Raymond Kowalski  
ARRL (I'm a life member)  
Other hams in my area

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